

What is claimed is:

1. A method of manufacturing a wood-based decorative article, comprising the steps of:

performing a predetermined coating process on a veneer formed by slicing wood;

preparing a veneer sheet by bonding a reinforcing member to said coated veneer by an adhesive; and

carrying out injection molding by injecting a molten synthetic resin onto a rear surface of said prepared veneer sheet, to thereby integrate said veneer sheet and said synthetic resin with each other.

2. A method of manufacturing a wood-based decorative article, according to claim 1, wherein a colored adhesive is used as said adhesive.

3. A method of manufacturing a wood-based decorative article, according to claim 1, wherein a dimensional stabilization process by using a dimensional stabilizer is performed on said veneer subjected to said predetermined coating process, before preparing said veneer sheet.

4. A method of manufacturing a wood-based decorative article, according to claim 3, wherein said dimensional stabilizer is colored by a coloring agent.

5. A method of manufacturing a wood-based decorative article, according to claim 1, wherein one of a coating process and an impregnation process is performed on said prepared veneer sheet before said injection molding.

6. A method of manufacturing a wood-based decorative article, according to claim 1, wherein top coating is performed on a front surface of said veneer after said injection molding.

7. A method of manufacturing a wood-based

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claim 16, wherein a design layer for increasing variation of a design of said veneer is arranged on at least one of front and rear surfaces of said substrate.

20. A wood-based decorative article according to claim 19, wherein said design layer is removably attached to said rear surface of said substrate.

21. A wood-based decorative article according to claim 16, wherein a light source for illumination is provided on a rear surface side of said substrate.

22. A wood-based decorative article according to claim 21, wherein at least one of a color and an amount of light emitted from said light source is variable.

23. A wood-based decorative article according to claim 21, wherein a light guide plate for making uniform said light from said light source is interposed between said light source and said substrate.

24. A wood-based decorative article according to claim 21, wherein a display member for displaying predetermined information is provided on a front surface of said veneer.

25. A wood-based decorative article according to claim 16, wherein an indicator for giving a predetermined indication by using at least one of a liquid crystal device and an LED device is provided on a rear surface side of said substrate.

26. A wood-based decorative article according to claim 16, wherein part of said substrate is formed of an opaque synthetic resin.

27. A wood-based decorative article according to claim 16, wherein a topcoat is applied to a front surface of said veneer.

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